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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S VISIT TO LONDON

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REFERENCE: (A) LONDON 1952; (B) LONDON 1951

1. DURING HIS BRIEF STOP-OVER IN LONDON, AMBASSADOR  
YOUNG MANAGED TO MEET AND TALK WITH MOST WHITEHALL  
FIGURES INVOLVED IN THE PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA.  
SEVERAL THEMES WORTH NOTING CAME OUT OF THESE DISCUS-

SIONS.

A.) THE BRITISH SENSE THAT RECENT EFFORTS TO RESOLVE THE RHODESIAN PROBLEM HAVE RUN OUT OF STEAM, OR AT LEAST THAT PHASE ONE OF THE EXERCISE IS AT A CLOSE;

B.) THEY HAVE NO REAL IDEAS HOW TO PROCEED WITH A PHASE TWO AND CANNOT COME UP WITH SUGGESTIONS UNTIL THEY HAVE A BETTER PICTURE OF THE PLANS OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION. THEY ARE ANXIOUSLY LOOKING FOR SIGNALS FROM WASHINGTON AND PROBABLY HOPED FOR MORE DEFINITE DIRECTIONS FROM AMBASSADOR YOUNG;

C.) THE BRITISH KNOW THEY CANNOT DIRECTLY OR THROUGH VORSTER GET TO SMITH. THEY THEREFORE REGARD THE NEW WASHINGTON/PRETORIA RELATIONSHIP AS CRUCIAL AND THE CENTERPIECE OF WHATEVER NEW POLICY EMERGES. UNTIL THAT RELATIONSHIP IS ESTABLISHED, THERE WILL NOT BE MUCH OF A BRITISH POLICY FOR THE U.S. TO SUPPORT;

D.) THEY EXPECT THAT AMERICAN AND BRITISH POLICIES WILL CONTINUE TO BE STEP IN STEP IN SOUTHERN AFRICA BUT THEY ARE AT THE SAME TIME FAINTLY UNEASY. DO WE SHARE THE SAME VIEW OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT? DO WE SHARE THE SAME VIEW OF SANCTIONS ON SOUTH AFRICA? DO WE SHARE THE SAME VIEW OF SOVIET INTENTIONS? PROBABLY YES, BUT MAYBE....

E.) THE BRITISH BELIEVE NEGOTIATIONS ARE STILL POSSIBLE AND ALL PARTIES EXCEPT SMITH CONTINUE TO LOOK FOR AN ACCEPTABLE SETTLEMENT. VORSTER REMAINS A WILLING PARTNER. BUT THE BRITISH ARE DISTURBED THAT EVENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA ARE FAST BECOMING UNCONTROLLABLE. DECISIONS BY THE OAU AND THE ATTRACTIONS OF THE GUERRILLA WAR AS A "SOFT OPTION" MAY MAKE EFFORTS AT GENUINE NEGOTIATIONS IR-  
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RELEVANT.

2. AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S MEETING WITH SONNY RAMPHAL WAS DISTURBING. ALTHOUGH SOME OF RAMPHAL'S REMARKS MAY HAVE BEEN PLAYED FOR ANYAOKU'S EARS, HIS COMMENTS ON THE PATRIOTIC FRONT HAD THE SOUND OF A BANDWAGON. HE BELITTLED MUZOREWA AND DECLARED THAT "ALL AFRICA" WOULD SOON SUPPORT THE PATRIOTIC FRONT. THE CONVERSATION IMPLIED THE DILEMMA THAT MAY SOON FACE US: IF ONE URGES CONSIDERATION FOR THE BISHOP ONE IS ANTI-AFRICAN.

3. THE AMBASSADOR'S VISIT UNDERScored THE HIGH EXPECTATIONS WHICH PEOPLE HOLD FOR THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION AND FOR YOUNG PERSONALLY. HE FORCEFULLY EXPRESSED THE ADMINISTRATION'S COMMITMENT TO MAJORITY RULE, AND THERE WAS BARELY A DOOR HE COULD ENTER WITHOUT BEING AMBUSHED BY PHOTOGRAPHERS AND JOURNALISTS.

4. THE AMBASSADOR'S PREDICTION ABOUT THE BYRD AMEND-

MENT IS THE BEST NEWS AFRICANISTS HERE HAVE HEARD FOR A  
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